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SUBJECT: GROMYKO-VANCE TALKS: SALT

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BONN FOR PRRR DR. BRZEZINSKI

1. IN SALT PORTION OF MEETING, GROMYKO PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF THEIR PROPOSAL OF YESTERDAY.

A. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL RELATED ONLY TO ITS ACTUAL WORDS,
I.E., THAT EACH SIDE COULD HAVE ONE NEW ICBM TYPE,
MIRVED OR NOT.

B. THE PROPOSAL DID NOT EXCLUDE OR INCLUDE FRACTIONATION
OR DEFINITION ISSUES. DEFINITION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
WHEN MODERNIZATION MAKES AN EXISTING TYPE A NEW MISSILE,
SHOULD BE HANDLED BY DELEGATIONS. HE SAID THEY AGREE THAT
A FRACTIONATION LIMIT WAS A SOUND PRINCIPLE AND SHOUL BE
INCLUDED, BUT WAS LINKED TO A SOLUTION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES,
I.E., THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR POSITION ON FREEDOM TO CHOSE
A MIRVED OR DENGLE RV ICBM IN RETURN FOR OUR ACCEPTANCE
OF THEIR POSITION ON CRUISE MISSILE FRACTIONATION, TIMINE
OF REDUCTIONS AND BAPIIRE. LIMITS ON NUMBERS OF SLBM

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RVS WAS SIMILARLY A SIDE QUESTION THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED
BY DELEGATIONS.

C. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING EXCEPTIONS (ONE
ICBM, NO LIMIT ON SLBMS) WAS LINKED ONLY TO U.S. ACCEPTANCE
OF SOVIET POSITIONS ON THE THREE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY IDEN-
TIFIED -- BACKFIRE, ALCM LIMITS PER AIRCRAFT, AND TIMING

OF REDUCTIONS. THERE IS, AS HE PUT IT, "NO ETCETERA."
HE SAID THE SOVIETS COULD NOT RETREAT ON BACKFIRE --
ALCM NUMBERS, BUT SOUNDED A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING
OF REDUCTIONS. ON BACKFIRE, HOWEVER, HE REPEATED THAT
WHILE THEY "COULD NOT ADD ONE COMMA, THEY COULD MAKE IT
MORE COMPACT" ELIMINATION SOME MATTERS, IF THAT WAS WHAT
WE WANTED.

D. THE AGGREGATES REFERRED TO ARE THE 2400, 2250.
1320, 1200, 820. ON WHAT HE CALLED THE "SECONDARY ISSUES"
I.E., THOSE NOT LISTED, CO SEEMED TO WANT TO SUGGEST
THAT THE SOVIETS COULD BE FLEXIBLE, SAYING THAT THE OTHER
MATTERS WERE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION BY THE DELEGATIONS AND
ALL THEY HAD SAID WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BE SETTLED "ON THE
BAISI" OF THEIR PROPOSALS.

2. IN SIDE CONVERSATION, DOBRYNIN SAID THAT "BECAUSE OF
CHINA" THERE COULD NEVER BE LIMITS ON AIR DEFENSES, AND
SUGGESTED SOVIETS HAD COME TO GENEVA WITH THEIR PROPOSAL
AND HAD NOT CONSIDERED OUR NEW PROPOSAL IN GREAT DETAIL.

3. ON CTB, THE DISCUSSION WAS GENERAL. GROMYKO SAID THE
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE "COMPREHENSIVE," WITHOUT GOING INTO
DETAILS. ON DURATION, HE SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE
ARGUMENTS FOR A FIVE-YEAR DURATION, TO WHICH WARNKE
COUNTERED THAT HE WAS BEGINNING TO FIND THE ARGUMENTS
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FOR THREE YEARS MORE CONVINCING.. GROMYKO SEEMED TO RETREAT
FROM THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF NATIONAL
SEISMIC STATIONS, SAYING THAT NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS
SHOULD SUFFICE. HIS REMARKS WERE, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT
INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMMENTS OF PETROSYANTS, CHAIRMAN
OF THE SOVIET CTB DELEGATION.. PETROSYANTS, SAID THAT
VERIFICATION COULD BE "DIVIDED", WITH INITIAL RELIANCE
ON NTM AND THEN PHASING IN OF NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS.
WARNKE WILL CLARIFY THIS ISSUE WITH PETROSYANTS, STRESSING
THAT WE WILL DISCUSS THE NUMBER, LOCATION AND TIMING BUT
WILL INSIST ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NSS.
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